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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2871**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuhiro ASADA

Group Art Unit: 2871

Application No.: 09/899,919

Examiner: R. H. Kim

Filed: July 9, 2001

Docket No.: 110064

For: OPTICAL CONNECTOR

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the November 13, 2003 Final Office Action, and further to the October 22, 2003 personal interview between Applicant's representative and Examiner Kim, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-5 are pending. Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Kim during the October 22, 2003 interview.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Final Office Action indicates that claim 5 contains allowable subject matter. However, Applicant asserts that all of claims 1-5 are allowable for the reasons discussed below.

The foregoing arguments do not raise any new issues after Final Rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Request for Reconsideration. Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.